

KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET New Users

KIDSNET welcomes **Sargent Rehabilitation Center**.

Audiologists now have KIDSNET access. We would like to welcome our first user **Meeting Street Center**.

Vaccine Update

Rotavirus Vaccine

On February 21, 2006, ACIP voted to recommend a newly licensed vaccine, RotaTeq™, to protect against rotavirus, a viral infection that can cause severe diarrhea, vomiting, fever, and dehydration (gastroenteritis) in infants and young children. The ACIP recommendation is for infants to receive three doses of the oral vaccine at two, four, and six months of age. Children should receive the first dose of the vaccine by 12 weeks of age and should receive all doses of the vaccine by 32 weeks of age. The Rhode Island Immunization Program expects to begin distribution of rotavirus vaccine in summer 2006.

For more information about rotavirus or rotavirus vaccine, go to: http://www.cdc.gov/nip/pr/pr_rotavirus_feb2006.htm.

Electronic Health Record Update

Many physician practices in Rhode Island and across the country are in the process of implementing electronic health records (EHRs) for their offices. Electronic recording of clinical information provides exciting opportunities for KIDSNET and practices. KIDSNET is working on the development of a pilot implementation guide for exchanging immunization data that could be utilized by any EHR with several vendors that have expressed interest. This guide will spell out how immunization information can be communicated between EHRs and KIDSNET in a standardized way. This same mechanism will later be utilized by the statewide Health Information Exchange.

Three Rhode Island groups, Polaris Medical Management, Electronic Health Records of Rhode Island (EHRRI), and Lighthouse MD (representing three EHRs: EpiChart, E-Clinical Works, and Caretracker) have volunteered to work with KIDSNET to help develop and pilot the draft implementation guide. This guide once refined, will be used as the basis for standards for the statewide Health Information Exchange, which is currently in development.

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet

Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220 with any questions or suggestions

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. The **15** pediatric practices that used this report in April 2006 are: **Dr. Vincent D'Alessandro, PRIMA, Lincoln Pediatrics, St. Joseph Pediatric Clinic, Family Doctors of East Providence, Dr. Dante Ramos, Wakefield Pediatrics, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, North Kingstown Family Practice, Dr. Duane Golomb, University Pediatrics, Northwest Health Center, Wood River Health Services, and Kingstown Pediatrics.**

If you would like to run this report and need a training review, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220. Thank you for your help ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

Immunization Report

Fourteen participating practices who ran the Immunization Report AND sent us immunization histories so that information can be updated in KIDSNET for the month of April 2006 are: **Children First Pediatrics, Wakefield Pediatrics, Pediatric Associates, Wood River Health Services, Kingstown Pediatrics, Fatima Health Center, Dr. Dante Ramos, Dr. Joseph DiLorenzo, Mineral Spring Family Practice, East Greenwich Pediatrics, Family Health Services – Cranston, Dr.'s Amato & Ross, Dr. Christina Dierolf @Aquidneck Medical Associates – Portsmouth, and Northwest Health Center.**

Keep up the good work! Please keep using the reports as a tool to follow up on services your patients need.

KIDSNET Report Usage

Providers are really using the Lead and Immunization exception reports, as depicted in the chart below. Eighty-seven (87) provider sites ran reports during the first quarter of 2006, compared to forty (40) in the last quarter of 2005. Thanks for your cooperation and interest in following up with your patients behind on immunizations and lead screening.

